

STUDENT GOVERNMENT and STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Student Government Association (SGA) consists of an Executive Board which is voted in by the student body twice a year – in February and September. The SGA are the students' representatives and speak for the student body. The SGA Executive Board meets at least monthly with the Center Director. During this meeting, student concerns are heard and solutions to problems or concerns are proposed and resolved. Many items the student body brings to center administration are taken care of and/or changes made to improve the operation of the center for staff and students. Each Job Corps program is governed by rules and regulations (Policy and Requirements Handbook, or PRH) and if a proposed idea or solution fits in the 'rules' it is done.

The center has a staff designated as SGA Coordinator that serves as the staff leader for the SGA. This staff arranges for the elections, coordinates and provides training for SGA and all center leaders, coordinates staff/SGA committees and ensures the SGA Constitution and rules of operation for SGA are in place, signed and followed. SGA students are expected to have exemplary behavior, progress and attitude as a student leader who often not only represents the student body, the center and the Job Corps program. SGA students are often asked to represent the center in community relations activities that includes volunteer activities, speakers at various events to positively promote the center and Job Corps program, and meet with elected officials, both local and national. SGA students present at graduations, weekly business meetings and participate in the weekly center management meeting. This becomes wonderful training and experience for the students to be exposed to a variety of situations and people that will serve them well in the future in the workplace. Every student is encouraged to participate in leadership, leadership training and potentially interact with community entities and employers that may very well hire them in the future.

SGA further consists of dorm leaders, student ambassadors, and safety cadets. The SGA Committee meets weekly in conference room 10 at a time designated by SGA president. Each SGA member chairs a committee that has student representatives that meet with staff department heads at least monthly to discuss issues, ideas, suggestions, solutions to problems etc. in those specific areas. These committees include:

- Recreation
- Residential/Community Living
- Wellness
- Diversity
- Student Ambassadors
- Safety Cadets
- Food Services

- Non-Residential

The SGA Executive Committee also holds ‘town hall’ meetings open to all students to voice their questions, concerns or comments requesting SGA to help make suggestions for change. Times and places of this meeting are posted in recreation and residential buildings.

The student leader committees meet weekly.

Student Government Association responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Administering the Student Benefit Fund
- Maintaining a working relationship with the Recreation Department to provide on center leisure activities for students
- Coordinating fundraisers on campus
- Hosting events and activities on center for students and staff
- Proposing changes to center rules and effect change by participating in center committees
- Managing the SGA store efficiently and effectively along with on and off-center community service projects.